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HONGKONG, 11th December, 1901.

It is with great regret, but without the least surprise, we learn that there is another recrudescence of piracy in the Canton Delta, and that life and property in that rich and spreading territory are again practically at the mercy of lawless ruffians. Within the past week or two there have been five serious cases of piracy, and it is an established fact that regular organised bands, ranging from half-a-dozen persons to half-a-hundred, are roving about the Canton and West Rivers and their numerous branches, cutting out steam-launches and native junks and passenger-boats. This state of things has been going on for many years, but within the past three years the condition of the Delta has gone from very bad to much worse, despite complaints, remonstrances, and some well meant attempts by the foreign squadrons to assist in providing a check upon the ravages of these foes to good order. In July, 1899, representations were made by the silk-merchants of Canton on the subject, setting forth the grave interference with trade caused by the robberies and piracies which had terrorised the Delta and prevented the silk-growers from forwarding their products to Canton to enable dealers to fulfil their contracts with the foreign firms, and were sent on to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, who thereupon addressed strong representations on the subject to the British Minister at Peking, to His Excellency the Governor, and to the London Chamber of Commerce, urging that the Kwangtung waterways should be patrolled by British gunboats, and pressing for the early opening of these waterways to navigation by foreign steamers. The outcome of all this agitation was the despatch of several small gunboats up the rivers and a temporary—very temporary—reduction in the piracies committed. The West River, which had been opened to trade as far as

Wuchow, has not yet been opened to Nanning-fu, and the other waterways are still closed to foreign steamers. No serious attempt has ever been made by the Provincial Government to grapple with the evil, either because they are powerless to do so, or because some of the mandarins are in the pay of the pirates, or because they are incapable of a persevering effort to put down any established abuse. In any case, be the causes what they may, the Government of the Two Kwang is hopelessly and incurably incompetent to suppress brigandage or to protect trade in the two provinces. It may be pleaded that they have no effective organisation, but such a plea cannot be entertained, because the mandarins can nearly always succeed in making themselves felt if it pays them to do so. Treaty obligations are nothing to these men; they neither feel bound to carry them into effect nor have they the wish to do so. The state of anarchy to which certain districts are reduced causes them no inconvenience and gives them no concern, except on those rare occasions when a foreign Consul makes a demand for justice, presents a big claim on behalf of a countryman, or, in sheer despair of obtaining an answer to his representations, threatens to resign as a protest against the inaction of the Government.

Matters have now got to such a pass that something should be done at once to provide a remedy for the evil. It is not to be found, apparently, in representations addressed to the Viceroy through the Consuls. These are met by denials of the piracies, by promises of intervention and the punishment of the offenders, which either extend only to enquiry into a particular case and punishment of some coolies who may or may not be guilty of the crimes charged against them, or only consist of vague promises merely given to quiet the too insistent foreigner. The patrolling of the rivers by foreign gunboats has had some effect, but much less than was anticipated, owing partly to want of knowledge of the lairs of the pirates and partly to the latter hoodwinking the gunboats. Nevertheless, as we have said, the appearance of these little craft has had a good moral effect on the people of the Delta, which would be greatly enhanced if the commanders had powers to deal summarily with pirates or robbers. But they are powerless unless they catch a pirate boat in the act of attacking a foreign steamer, and they are, we presume, unable to intervene in the case of a native craft being attacked, even if they were so fortunate as to witness such a piracy. What is wanted is an organised system of River Police under the control of the Imperial Maritime Customs, who should be supplied with a flotilla of six or eight gunboats, under the command of and partly officered by Europeans. These should be given a free hand to exterminate pirates and restore and preserve order on the waterways. Something was done in this direction, we believe, early in the seventies, in the time of the Viceroy Jui LIN, who put Europeans in command of some half-a-dozen of his gunboats with instructions to hunt down and root out pirates, with great effect, and for years thereafter the land had at least comparative peace.

We commend the idea to the Foreign Ministers at Peking, with the sincere hope that it will be taken into serious consideration. The evil complained of is of such magnitude, its effects are so extensively felt, and its existence is such a scandal to civilisation, that unless some determined effort be made to grapple with it, its continuance will cast a reflection alike on the ability and the humanity of the Foreign Representatives in China. More particularly are the British, French, and German Ministers interested in the repression of piracy in the Canton Delta, a district wherein, under happier circumstances, there might reasonably be expected a large development of trade with the increased prosperity that would follow the maintenance of good order and restoration of security. The subject was, we believe, brought to the notice of Sir JAMES LYLE MACKAY, the British Special Commissioner sent out to negotiate the commercial terms with regard to the Tariff, &c., during his visit to the Colony, and we trust therefore it will not be lost sight of. At the same time, it might be well if the local Chamber of Commerce would once again take up the question and bring it at this juncture to the notice of the British Minister.

H.M.S. Talbot arrived from Wollaiwei yesterday.

The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving returned from Shanghai by the Statgart on Monday night.

The only cases of communicable disease in the Colony last week were four of enteric fever, all Europeans in the Harbour and all imported. None proved fatal.

The Telegraph Co. notified us yesterday that direct cable communication to Shanghai is restored via Foochow; but, as the Amoy-Shanghai cable is still interrupted, there will yet be some delay in the traffic to Shanghai, North China, and Japan.

H.M.S. Astraea went out yesterday for a cruise.

Mr. Alex. Marsh gave a concert at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai, on the 5th inst., before a very fair house, and, assisted with half-a-dozen local amateurs, met with much success. Three of Mr. Marsh's own songs were from Wagner's dramas.

"Owing to unforeseen circumstances," the banquet and concert, which were to have been held after the installation ceremony of the Masonic Lodge St. John to-morrow evening, will not take place. The installation ceremony will be performed as arranged.

The Crown Land, registered as Rural Building Lot No. 110, Deep Water Bay, which was exposed to public sale in the office of the Public Works Department, was bought by Messrs. Shawan, Tones & Co. for \$1,145, being \$20 of an advance upon the upset price.

Warder Curtis, who absconded from Victoria Gaol on the 12th of last October, and left the Colony, taking with him a sum of nearly \$300 belonging to his mess, was captured in town yesterday morning by Detective Sergt. Kerr and Constable Gibson, who observed him walking in the street. Later in the day he was brought up at the Magistracy and remanded.

Sir Thomas Jackson has received a telegram intimating that his son, Lieutenant Jackson, of the 1st King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Jackson, it will be remembered, went out to South Africa with a Mounted Infantry detachment and was A.D.C. to Colonel Benson, who was killed in the rearguard action near Bethel recently.

Madame Agnes Freed gave a very successful concert on Friday evening last in the Club Theatre, Canton, before a crowded house. Valuable amateur assistance was lent by Messrs. W. Lavy, F. H. Bell, E. Schwen, E. Hadinger, and G. E. Huysen. Madame Freed got a splendid reception in all her appearances. She sang Van der Stoen's "Die Schöne Blume," Bartlett's "A Dream," Luigi Arlitti's "Waltz," Schubert's "Serenade," and Suppe's "Forget Me Not." This week Madame Freed gives a concert at Macao.

To-day the annual two days' Regatta promoted by the Victoria Recreation Club will be begun, the first race, that for light gigs, being started at 1 o'clock. The entries for the various events have filled well and the Regatta promises to be one of the most successful yet held. Ladies are cordially invited to the grand stand. The Ladies' Prize will be presented to the winning crew by Miss Hinchings about 3 o'clock. By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel Baillie and officers, the band of the 22nd Bombay Infantry will perform each day.

A few minutes before 3 o'clock yesterday morning the Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire which had broken out at 279 Queen's Road Central in a three-story building occupied as a dry-goods shop and store. The Brigade promptly turned out under the command of Mr. G. Kemp, but found on their arrival at the scene that the flames had secured a firm hold of the building. The staff had to work under the disadvantage of having to pump sea-water from the Frays, but nevertheless succeeded in confining the conflagration to the structure in which it had originated, though this was completely destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$1,700 and is covered by a policy for \$2,500 in the Li Fuk Insurance Office.

The French Sisters held their annual bazaar yesterday in the City Hall in aid of the poor Chinese orphans of the Asilo de la Sainte Enfance. It was gratifying to see the large numbers who attended the bazaar in the course of the afternoon and bought liberally of the articles exposed to sale. The net result should be a handsome contribution to the funds of this most deserving institution. The Sisters were energetically assisted by numerous ladies who in the roles of stall-holders or ticket-vendors were eminently successful in loosening the visitors' purse-strings. For the pretty arrangement of the stalls no little praise is due to those ladies responsible. The excellent quality of the needle and fancywork of the orphans was a general subject of remark, reflecting as it did the highest credit upon the Sisters for the patient and painstaking teaching which they impart to the little orphans under their care. H.E. the Governor was patron of the bazaar.

It would be interesting to know in how many of the obituaries of the late Li Hung-chang the expression "a Chinese Bismarck" has occurred. In a large proportion of the notices in papers recently to hand this term has been employed. The London and China Express, as we have records, combats the accuracy of the comparison, and so do writers in several other papers. The Times of the 8th ult., for instance, says:—How wide of the mark was this appreciation of Li Hung-chang will be clear to those who read the record of his life. He never really accepted the postulates of civilised and progressive policy, and in this respect he stood out in signal contrast with the statesmen of Japan. While the Japanese have endeavoured to adopt all that is best in Western civilisation, without abandoning their national characteristics, the Chinese, so far as they followed the lead of Li Hung-chang, were content to set up a feeble imitation in which they did not believe themselves and which did not seriously impose on anybody else. There are Chinamen, like the Yangtze Viceroy, who take a broader view of the needs of the Empire, but Li Hung-chang was not one of these. He sympathised with the Chinese abhorrence of the progressiveness of Japan, or thought it well to profess to do so. His own ideal of progress was far more closely akin to the traditional Chinese practice of maintaining sham forts with dummy guns, and the result is recorded in history.

The German Government proposes to import a man-of-war from Germany.

Several deaths from cholera are reported from Bangkok at the end of last month.

The St. Andrew's Hall at Yokohama on the 29th ult. is reported to have been quite as successful as those in former years.

On the 1st inst. the hill-top sanatorium at Hangchow belonging to the American Presbyterian Mission (North) was totally burnt, with its contents.

It was reported in Japan that many vessels of the British fleet, including the *Cressy*, *Terrible*, and *Argonaut*, would assemble at Yokohama during the first week of this month. The battleship *Uchida* was already at the northern port.

The manufacture of opium and camphor in Formosa has not been satisfactory this year. The authorities estimated the receipts from the monopoly at over nine million yen. It is now reported that the actual proceeds will not exceed one-third of the estimate.

A Chungking despatch to Shanghai reports that the Chinese authorities of that city on the 29th ult. marked out, in conjunction with the Japanese Consul, the boundaries of the proposed Japanese Settlement in that port, in the Wangchiath district. Boundary-stones were also set up at the time.

According to Mr. Motono, formerly Japanese Minister to Belgium, who returned home recently, the import of iron into Japan from Belgium has of late considerably increased, but as the goods are imported through German or British merchants they do not figure as Belgian exports in the statistical returns of the shipments.

In a small way the Marconi system is about to be applied to India, for the Calcutta Port Commissioners intend shortly erecting an apparatus for communication between the main land and the lightships at Sandheads. This fact is all the more interesting, because it was with the idea of getting into early communication with ships coming to Calcutta that the first telegraph line was laid in India.

It is reported from Wuhu that the extensive country to the north of that port abounds with innumerable famine-stricken inhabitants and that, though Miss Mitchell, the missionary, has established a soup-kitchen there, which daily feeds over 2,000 women and children, the local Chinese officials seem to remain incredibly apathetic and would not raise a finger to relieve the male sufferers, who are starved to death by hundreds a day.

The High Educational Council in Japan has been considering several important memorials, including the subjects of teaching German in every middle school situated within a district where a higher school exists, compiling various text-books for primary schools at the Educational Department, applying easier idiomatic terms in the practical textbooks to be used in the institutions under middle class schools, and procuring training ships for the mercantile navigation school.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Company is establishing a new line of steamers to run between Cuban ports and Bremerhaven, calling at one of the northern ports of Spain. This in response to the great development of trade between Germany and Cuba. Returns for the last two years show a steady progression, resulting in Germany becoming the most important seller in the island. German agents have been sent to every part of Cuba, have learned what the people need, and have catered for their wants. During the same period English trade shows a slight increase, the losses being sustained by Spain, France, and the United States. The new line of steamers was to be opened in November, and one steamer a month will leave Bremerhaven until February next, when the service will be fortnightly.

The Japan Mail says that the discontented section of Nippon Yusen Kaisha shareholders are not silenced, though defeated. One of their number is said to be about to institute legal proceedings against the Company on the ground that a violation of the Commercial Code was committed when an ordinary general meeting was invited to vote certain propositions which had not previously been submitted to an extraordinary meeting, or notified to the shareholders 15 days previous to the ordinary meeting. The principal of these propositions was the appropriation of a sum of five hundred thousand yen as a fund for extending the Company's lines and improving its ships. The Mail says: Chingrin at their signal defeat in the recent general meeting seems to have inspired them with a desire to make themselves objectionable in some way or other and their present course is obstructiveness, pure and simple.

The Japanese commercial commissioner at Vladivostok mentions in his report to the Government that on the completion of the Siberian and the Chinese Eastern Railway a great expansion of shipping traffic in the Far East will be witnessed. It would seem that general attention is now directed to this subject, for since the beginning of this year a large number of foreign visitors have arrived at Vladivostok and by sea. The Russian authorities are very anxious that the shipping traffic in the neighbouring sea shall not fall into the hands of foreigners, and are earnestly endeavouring to promote the mercantile marine of their own country. As a step in this direction it is proposed to place the two new steamers of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company—*Manchuria* and *Norona*—on the line between Vladivostok and America. A Russian newspaper comments in its leading article that the inauguration of a direct route to America is urgent.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 9th December, 4.5 p.m.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONCENTRATION POLICY.

It is rumoured that the Government intends to disperse the concentration camps. The October mortality figures have been delayed. The death-rate is believed to have been very serious.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 9th December, 4.5 p.m.

AMERICAN COPPER WAR.

The copper war in America continues. There has been a heavy fall in Amalgamated Coppers.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 7th December.

RENEWED BOER ACTIVITY.

There is a recrudescence of Boer activity under Commandant Botha in the Transvaal, and Commandant De Wet in the Orange River Colony.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

The German Budget shows a deficit of thirty-five million marks.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that the Japanese Government has concluded negotiations with Russia, whereby the former will open up a regular steamship service between Tsuruga and Vladivostok.

LONDON, 8th December.

SOUTH AFRICA—BOTHAS POSITION.

Commandant Botha with a force of 1,500 Boers is at present to the North of Ermelo, South-eastern Transvaal.

THE NEW GERMAN TARIFF.

Russia threatens to introduce a retaliatory tariff if the new German tariff is passed in its present form.

SOUTH AFRICA—BOERS ON THE BRITISH SIDE.

The number of Boers taking arms against the enemy in the field is showing a notable increase.

VLADIVOSTOK NOTES.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Vladivostok, 28th November.

PROPOSED JAPANESE CONSULATE.

Japan has petitioned the Russian Government for permission to establish a Consulate at Vladivostok, as the present office of Commercial Agent does not answer the demands of Japanese subjects here.

A REMOVED STEAMSHIP SALE.

It is rumoured that the s.s. *Habarovsk* of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, which has been anchored here for the last 3 or 4 months, will shortly be purchased by the Steamship Department of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

GOLD IN MANCHURIA.

In the vicinity of Har-chun (Manchuria), not far from Vladivostok, rich gold-deposits have been discovered. By agreement with the Chinese authorities of that place, the gold-field was leased to Russians on condition that 15 per cent. of the total output be appropriated for the local Chinese administration, the latter agreeing to maintain 300 guards for the protection of the place. A joint stock company is being formed at Vladivostok for the development and exploitation of the gold-field.

SABLES IN KAMCHATKA.

In order to prevent the total extermination of the Kamchatka sable, a prohibition has been issued by the authorities at St. Petersburg forbidding sable-hunting in Kamchatka for a period of 3 years, beginning from the 1st January, 1902.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Indus*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on the 5th inst. at midnight for this port, via Saigon.
The C.P.R. steamer *Adriatic* arrived at Nagasaki on the 9th inst. at 9 a.m., and left again at 5.30 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive to-morrow, at 7 a.m.
The N.Y.K. steamer *Idzumi Maru* (American Line) left Kobe via Moji and Shanghai for this port on the 7th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 15th inst.
The silk or the C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived in New York on the 9th inst.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 9th December.

WINTER.

Canton has been suddenly overtaken by winter, and the bulk of the population is greatly increased by the wadded coats it has assumed. Being dry cold it has not been felt as severely as if the air had been damp. The night of Wednesday-Thursday was the coldest, and a beggar was found in the streets the next morning dead of cold and exposure. No official inquest or enquiry is made in such circumstances, but the neighbours, unless a benevolent association can be persuaded to do it, subscribe to buy a coffin, and the funeral is performed as expeditiously as possible.

THE SHOE STRIKE.

Judgment was delivered this week by the magistrates in the case of the strike in the shoe-trade. It will be remembered that the craftsmen's guild demanded an advance of 5 lie per pair, and the masters' association, not being strong enough to withstand them, appealed to the officials. Their decision grants the men a rise of 3 lie per pair, and proclaims that any who now refuse to work and attempt to create further agitation will at once be arrested. A strike has lately been threatened by the makers of pens, but the masters have granted all the men's demands, a rise of 20 per cent. and have reimbursed themselves by correspondingly raising the price of pens.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LI HUNG-CHANG.

On Tuesday the memorial service ordered by the Emperor for Li Hung-chang took place. The ceremony was dignified and not marred by the squalor which spoils so many Chinese solemnities. All arrangements were in the hands of the Nam Hoi and Fun Yungmagistrates and the procedure was based on the worship of the Imperial tablet performed at the New Year. The place chosen was the Government Printing Office, the reception-hall of which was decorated for the occasion. Every official in the province had sent a scroll with a suitable inscription, such as "a great man is dead," "Chinese and foreigners alike respected him," "The Bismarck of China," etc., and these were hung round the hall and in the passages by which it was reached. In the hall there was an altar bearing the tablet of the dead man with his posthumous name of "the learned and loyal." Two red candles burned in front of it and sacrifices were laid out. In front of the altar were mats for the officials to kneel on. At half-past eleven they arrived. The Viceroy was too ill to come, but all the others were there, headed by the Governor and Tartar General. These two last lighted incense sticks, and then the twelve greatest men in Canton prostrated themselves three times before the tablet, while a flute played softly. An essay written by the Viceroy in praise of his predecessor was next read out, and the paper burnt to convey it to the dead man's spirits. Libations were poured out, and the kowtow repeated closed the ceremony. There was a large crowd of attendants, the public not being allowed in, and their behaviour was orderly and reverent. Prostrations were made later by the lesser officials, and continued until the city magistrates had performed the prescribed ritual.

THE BANNERMEN'S REVIEW.

Saturday and Sunday have been the gala-days of the banner force that garrisons Canton, on which their great review takes place. It is quinquennial, but an extra one is held on the arrival of a new Tartar General. For the last two days nearly 3,000 men, armed with chasse-pots, long guns managed by two men, bows and arrows, and 36 small field pieces, have been manoeuvring and firing blank cartridges on the parade ground.—The first day partook of the nature of a circus. Two trenches were dug across the parade ground, along which the horses galloped, while their riders, such as did not tumble off, shot off guns in the air, fired at marks three foot distant—which they always missed—with bows and arrows, and illustrated showmanship on horseback. They then gave acrobatic exhibitions, lying on the horse's back, riding backwards, standing up with the help of a rope tied to the saddle and turning somersaults. It was not well done, but it was a surprise to find it done at all. Followed some wrestling and some vaulting, in which for want of a wooden horse a real one was substituted. Two men held the head and two the hind legs of the animal. A review of children, the bannermen of years to come, finished the day's proceedings.

The second day was of the nature of a sham fight. There was much marching and retiring, blowing of trumpets and conch-shells, and firing of very ragged volleys. The bright uniforms made a pretty sight, and probably even their commanders did not take the manoeuvres very seriously. Finally they ranged up in two lines and bombarded each other at a distance of fifty yards. The soldiers loaded and fired into the air with great rapidity, and in a quarter of an hour a very satisfactory amount of gunpowder must have been burnt.

CANTON'S ARTILLERY TRAINING.

The annual artillery practice begins in two days. Many coolies carry out the guns from the walls—obsolete weapons older than Trafalgar—to a village some five miles away, where for fifteen days they bombard a spur of the White Cloud Mountains, known as the Thin Dog Hill. Such guns as have not burst are then replaced, and left to rust for another year. This was not done last year, as it was considered that the city in the absence of the cannon would not be safe. Many coolies assemble on the hill and ponies on the bank, which they carry off and sell, and the proceedings are sometimes interrupted by the untimely end of one of these who tries who stop a ball on its passage.

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A MARRYING.

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A knock sounded at the door and the grandfather's quavering, peaceful voice bade the visitor, "come in, an' welcome!" There was a slight hesitation, then the latch was lifted, and a man, dressed in Sunday clothes, and with a lugubrious expression of countenance, entered. He did not respond to the invitation to come up and take an air of the fire, but sat on the edge of a chair just inside the door.

"I'm sorry," he said, wiping his face decently with a Turkey red handkerchief, "to be the bearer of sorrowful tidings, but your son Maurice's wife is just departed out of this life—may the Lord be merciful to her soul, Amen. Terrible sudden it was. At ten o'clock last night you'd take a look at her life; at six this morning she was in eternity. The quavery they call it."

The old man gazed at the fire, and shook his head.

"I was sudden, more enough," he said. "God rest her, poor woman! Is there?" said he, after another slight pause, "is there any news going?" Any rumours of war, or shipwrecks, or such?"

The newcomer stared at the old man, shocked at this stolid acceptance of such sad news, but the benignant old face had nothing in it but peace and mild inquiry.

There's no other shipwreck that I know of but the one I'm after telling you about," he said severely, "an' that's a serious one enough to your son an' his children. I'm but a neighbour an' well-wisher of his, an' his misfortune lies heavy on my heart."

"You're a well-meaning an' well-spoken man, an' I'm proud that Maurice has a friend like you," said the old man heartily. "He's doing pretty well, I believe."

"He was till six months ago," said the man, "but he lost his employment then, an' not a stroke did he get to do since."

"I suppose he had a little money saved?"

"Not a penny, poor fellow, an' 'twas the hardship an' fretting that left the poor wife such an easy prey to the sickness."

"God help us! An' four children?"

"Five," said the man. "From eight year to three. I left 'em crying for their mother in a way that would pierce a stone. Ehen, 'tis a terrible old world entirely."

"Well, sure he'll have to come here an' bring the children. Isn't it well for 'em to have a home?"

The stranger got up and in his enthusiasm wrung the old man's hand. He knew that Maurice had not dared to hope this. Maurice who ten years ago had run away, and married against his father's wish a portionless girl, thereby leaving the old man to struggle through a sea of difficulties which a moderate "fortune" would have cleared away. The struggle had been a successful one, happily for Maurice and his flock, now.

Three days later a cart drove up to the door, a tall, gaunt, pale man sat beside the driver, and behind him, on the heaped up hay, five hollow-eyed, spindling children, ill clad, and shivering in the bitter November air. The grandfather and old Aunt Peggy were waiting to receive them.

"The boxes and furniture are on the way, I suppose," said the old woman, who had been expecting a more imposing arrival than this. "I never seen a stick of anything of the kind," said Maurice wretchedly. "All that I have in the world is here," said he, pointing to the children who stood round him chilled and forlorn.

"An' sure, isn't that a good deal?" said the grandfather. "Bring 'em in, Maurice, an' Peggy, hurry up with the tay for the creatures. They're frostbitten with the cold."

A comfortable meal must have been woefully unfamiliar to the children, for the smaller ones laughed and clapped their hands in ecstasy at sight of the thick oatcakes and "tinnies" of "hot tay" ranged down the table standing before the blazing fire.

The old aunt placed them at the board kindly enough, but with none of the effusion that would have marked the action if there had been things of "value" accompanying them. She forgot, as she would not have done in the other case, to butter their oatcakes, and the allowance of milk in the tea was slight, but the children were not particular.

"Eat away now, like good children," said the grandfather. This is yet, own house, an' don't be shy or ashamed. Where are the eggs, Peggy? Of course, bring 'em in, woman dear. There now, that's right. An' so, Maurice, you have no news at all—no rumours of war, or losses at sea?"

"The quavery" did not pass away satisfied with its own victim. By degrees the unhealthy children were stricken down, until they lay groaning in the great loft over the kitchen. Whether the infection had come from them or had broken out spontaneously was not known, but the whole townland soon reeked of the illness, and nurses were not to be had for love or money.

The old aunt, unable and, truth to say, very unwilling to cope with so much sickness in the house, discovered that there was something wrong entirely with her "breast-house," took to her bed, and spent her time loudly praying, and lamenting over the cruel fate that had left her to die, "without a soul to hand her a drink of water."

Maurice and the grandfather were but sorry, although thoroughly well meaning and anxious nurses, and they tried the temper of the overworked and irritable dispensary doctor sorely. Their whey-making was deplorable, and in administering the medicines they yielded too easily to the whimpering objections of the sick children.

The jealous complaints of the old aunt about their want of attention to herself, and the daily increasing list of her bad symptoms, had a stupefying effect on them, and between Maurice's own lassitude, the result of six months' worry and semi-starvation, and present anxiety and want of sleep, and the senile feebleness of his father, it was a hopeless household enough.

It was just at this time that, one wintry evening, he was standing, despondent and gloomy, at the house door. Overhead he heard the delicious babbling of the younger children, and an occasional moan from the patient older ones; the old aunt was at her usual groans and complaints in an inner room, and the grandfather with many a sigh was trying to make up, in his elbow-chair near the fire, for his broken night's rest.

"I'm after killing the two poor old people," groaned Maurice miserably to himself. "An' what in the world will become of the children? I'll lose 'em; there's no one to help me to pull 'em through," and a pang of overpowering wretchedness went through him like a knife. In a dull way he watched two wind-blown figures—a boy and girl—running up the road. They stopped, hesitatingly, and whispered together when they reached the door, and then the girl came timidly forward.

"Well," said Maurice kindly, seeing that she was at a loss for words, "did you want to speak to me?"

"We're the Coleman from the Coombe," she said, with a queer little curtsy; "Norry and Lar."

"An' what in the world do you do down from the Coombe at an evening like this?" he asked, for, unprotected by cloak or shawl, she was soaked with the mist, and the boy was in almost as bad a plight.

"Oh, what then, but to be seekin' our fortune?"

"Seekin' your fortunes?" he asked with a smile at the queerness of the thought.

"Yes, looking for service. I'm a great hand at the work. Sweepin' an' scourin' is only child's play to me. I can milk an' churn with anyone, an' boil pigs' pots an' feed calves an' do everything—wash, bleach an' iron—like, a real industrious woman. (I'll be fifteen year in harvest.)"

"An' as for the chickens an' ducks, if I had seventeen clutches of 'em at a time, I wouldn't lose one of 'em."

She was young and slight, but there was something so tidy in her poor but perfectly neat frock and shoes and stockings, something so brave and capable in the look of her blue eyes, that a hope came into the tired man's mind—there might be the very help he needed.

"Are you any good at all to take care of sick people?" he asked.

"Is it me? Sure I'm the remains of sick-nursin'! Barley-water, gruel, arryroot, whey, cream-of-tartar drinks—you couldn't puzzle me with anything of the kind. An' I'm like a clock in giving the doctor's physic. Oh, I'm a great sick nurse entirely."

"You wouldn't be afraid of ketchin' the quavery?"

"Wishin, God help you, afraid? Why would I, that never took anything after all my experience? We had everything on the Coombe from typhus to the measles."

"Well, what would you say to tryin' to take care of the five sick children an' the old aunt inside?"

The girl looked as if she could not believe her ears. But a cloud came over her joy.

"But Lar?" said she, looking at her brother. "I promised the poor mother to have him under my eye till he came to an age of sense. He's a thrille childish an' unsteady still," she confided in a half-whisper, "sure only for that he need never leave Cyprus Collins, the big farmer."

"An' why didn't he stay with Cyprus?"

"Oh, why?" said Lar angrily, "an' to be living on starbuck night and day."

"And what better than starbuck had you in your mother's house?" questioned Larry indignantly.

"It was well biled though," said Lar. "Twasn't fit for the pigs at Cyprus."

"We spiled him," said Larry, shaking her head. "We were very foolish with Lar, but we had only him, you see, an' we were very well off. We had our little Kerry cow, and the seven grand little speckled hens, and the five good poor ducks. But we made him over parricular, an' that's reason to them that have to make their living. He's a great boy at the spade an' shovel in the sheep-minding, though, there's no doubt about that at all."

"Well, I'll see the grandfather, an' tell ye in a minute," said Maurice. With beating hearts the two outside heard the muffled sound of the colloggy wheels, then Maurice opened the door once more.

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Thurs. 12	10 30	5. 9	n 5 23	5. 9	
Thurs. 13	10 01	5. 7	n 4 54	5. 7	
Thurs. 14	9 32	5. 5	n 4 25	5. 5	
Fri. 15	9 03	5. 3	n 3 56	5. 3	
Sat. 16	8 34	5. 0	n 3 27	5. 0	
Sun. 17	8 05	4. 8	n 2 58	4. 8	
Mon. 18	7 36	4. 6	n 2 29	4. 6	
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